

**STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC)
FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Department of Taxation
1957 Westmoreland Street
Richmond, VA
Thursday, June 23, 2016**

SEC Members Present:

Pamela Kestner, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the Honorable William A. (Bill) Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources (*Chair*)
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors
Andrew Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice
Pat Haymes for Steven Staples, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia Department of Education
Courtney Gaskins, Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow
Bob Hicks for Dr. Marissa Levine, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health
The Honorable Catherine Hudgins, Member, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Cindi Jones, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
Maurice Jones, City Manager, City of Charlottesville
Sandra Karison for Karl Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia
Greg Peters, President and CEO, UMFS
Margaret Schultze, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services
Jeanette Troyer, Parent Representative
The Honorable Jennifer Wexton, Member, Senate of Virginia
Eddie Worth, Parent Representative

SEC Members Absent:

Jack Barber, Interim Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
The Honorable Richard "Dickie" Bell, Member, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert "Rob" Coleman, Vice-Mayor, City of Newport News
The Honorable Anita Filson, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge, 25th Judicial District

Other Staff/SLAT Members Present:

Anna Antell, Program Consultant, OCS
Ellen Melenke, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Staff Assistant, OCS
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, OCS
Kristi Schabo, Program Consultant, OCS

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Pam Kestner called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. She expressed Dr. Hazel's apology that he could not be in attendance at today's meeting. She congratulated Scott Reiner on his selection as the new executive director of OCS. Ms. Kestner presented Mr. Worth with his SEC appointment certificate and pin.

The minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Greg Peters, seconded by Mary Biggs and carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Participation in SEC Policy Making

Mr. Reiner reported that the public comment period on the proposed policy ended May 23. A total of five comments were received. Members received a summary of the comments along with a marked-up version and final version of the policy. After a review of the comments by Mr. Reiner, the policy was approved on a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Greg Peters and carried.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Private Day Educational Placement and Educational Funding for Non-CSA Placement in Residential Treatment* – Item 285#1c of the Appropriation Act directs the SEC to “develop a robust set of options for increasing the integration of children receiving special education day treatment services into their home school districts, including mechanisms to involve local school districts in tracking, monitoring and obtaining outcome data to assist in making decisions on the appropriate utilization of these services.” A workgroup of stakeholders is being convened to inform development of options to address this directive. Meetings will be held July 14, July 29 and August 24. Members were invited to participate in the meetings.

The SEC is also directed to continue its review, with the assistance of relevant stakeholders, the issue of funding of educational costs for non-CSA placements in residential treatment. Mr. Reiner explained that a report required pursuant to the 2015 Appropriation Act on this issue was the product of several workgroups that were tasked with examining the issue. Several recommendations were presented in the report but there were a number of recommendations where the workgroups could not reach consensus.

Mr. Reiner will redistribute all the recommendations and other relevant materials to SEC members for their review. At least one large meeting will be convened where public comment will be received. A set of recommendations will then be compiled for consideration by the SEC at their September meeting to include in the report to the General Assembly.

- *FY16 Expenditure Status Update* – Year-to-date expenditures for FY16 are 6 percent (\$15M) higher than FY15. The increase is primarily due to an increase in expenditures for special education private day placements (\$11M).
- *FY16 Training Summary* – Members were provided with a copy of the FY16 OCS Training Progress Report. Mr. Reiner noted that in FY16 over 1,400 people received training through OCS and that OCS has met all training requests that have been received.
- *FY17 Training Plan* – Members were provided a draft of the OCS Training Plan for FY17. The Plan had its first reading at the March 17 SEC meeting. The Plan was approved on a motion by Courtney Gaskins, seconded by Mary Biggs and carried.
- *Plans for Distribution of Additional CSA Local Administrative Funds (\$500,000)* - The additional funding will be distributed effective July1 based on the current funding allocation process.

SLAT Report

Ron Belay, Chair of SLAT reported on the following items:

- *CSA Special Education Wraparound Funds* – SLAT is currently working on the Commission on Youth (COY) request to examine issues related to use of the wraparound services for students with disabilities. This request was part of a larger two-year study by COY on the use of federal, state and local funds for private educational placements of students with disabilities.

Several surveys (general, schools and parents) were developed and distributed to gather information from stakeholders to utilize in informing the recommendations from SLAT to the SEC in response to the COY request. SLAT's August meeting (August 4, 2016) will be an open forum to gather additional input from stakeholders on the use of CSA special education wraparound funds.

- *New SLAT Chair and Vice-Chair* – At SLAT's June meeting Tamara Temoney, Hanover County DSS and Karen Reilly-Jones, Chesterfield/Colonial Heights CSA were elected as the new chair and vice-chair respectively for the fiscal year beginning July 1.
- *New/re-nomination of SLAT Representatives* – The following SLAT nominations were put forward for SEC approval:
 - CPMT –LDSS Representatives – Tamara Temoney and Rebecca Vinroot
 - CPMT – School Representatives – Angela Neely and Susan Aylor
 - Private Provider Representatives – Kellie Evans, Shannon Updike and Michael Triggs
 - Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Representatives – the Honorable Frank Somerville and the Honorable Ashley Tunner
 - Parent Representative – Andelicia Neville

The nominations were approved on a motion by Maurice Jones, seconded by Cindi Jones and carried.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee

Mary Biggs and Catherine Hudgins reported on behalf of the Committee. The Committee last met in April and will be developing guiding principles and specific decision making criteria for

the OCS process by which administrative action pertaining to locally administered CSA programs are directed and managed by OCS. The Committee will provide oversight and “post” finding review of the executive director’s decisions.

It was also reported that there is a “disconnect” between CSA statute and the OCS Executive Director’s discretion to act on administrative actions. The Attorney General’s Office is reviewing this matter and will provide an official opinion to OCS.

Ms. Hudgins reported that the audit process is very open and transparent with a clear set of audit criteria. She noted that audits are available on the CSA website and she invited members to review them.

Report of the Outcomes Committee

Jeannette Troyer reported on behalf of the Committee. The Committee last met in April and discussed the potential collection of other pertinent data that would enhance the CSA outcomes measures. The Committee decided to work with DJJ on identifying CSA children/youth, under the age of 18, who exited the CSA system in 2015 and were subsequently arrested or rearrested within a one-year time period.

The Committee also received a presentation on the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (VLDS). OCS staff met with administrative staff of the VLDS and will be on-boarding with the system which will allow access to data (especially certain education data) housed in the VLDS.

Presentations

SEC members received two presentations:

- Private School Placements and the Special Education Continuum of Services by Angela Neely
- Therapeutic Day Treatment – Program Summary and Recommendations for the Future by Magellan of Virginia

Discussion: The Role of the SEC: Collective Impact

Ms. Kestner reported that Dr. Hazel would like to explore options for better organization and management of issues related to children including the role of the SEC and Children’s Cabinet. One consideration is the frequency/length of SEC meetings. Rather than increase the number of meetings, adjusting the length of time for meetings would provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussion and review of complicated topics/issues.

Ms. Kestner proposed increasing the meeting time for the September 15 meeting. SEC members concurred. The September 15 meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held September 15 in the Richmond/Henrico Rooms, 1604 Santa Rosa Road in Richmond.